



ON THE NATURE OF CONNECTIONS

The relationships between the east African coast
and the continental hinterland from the 11th to the 17th century

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2015

Venue: Wits University: Origins Centre (tbc)

Organisers: Adrien Delmas (IFAS) & Peter Delius (Wits)

08.30 - 09.00: Welcoming

09.00 - 09.30: Introduction: Adrien Delmas (IFAS) & Peter Delius (Wits)

09.30 - 10.30: Oceans of Trade

- P. Beaujard (CNRS): *The East and Southeast African coast and the transoceanic trade networks (10th-15th centuries a.d.)*
- P. Harries (UCT): *Atlantic contacts: Europeans on the south east African coast*

10.30 - 10.45: Break

10.45 - 11.45: East Africa

- T. Vernet (Univ. Paris-Sorbonne): *Long-distance connections between the Swahili Coast and its interior ca.1550-1800. A review of the evidence*
- T. Biginagwa (Univ. of Dar Es Salaam): *Coast -Interior connectivity during the 19th century: Archaeological evidence from north and southern Tanzania*

11.45 - 12.45: Southern Africa

- C. Ashley (UP), A. Antonites (UP): *Downstream from Mapungubwe: exploring 12-13th century settlements along the Limpopo Valley*
- S. Macamo (Mondlane Univ.): *The establishment of a management system for the archaeological sites of Chibuene and Manyikeni, Inhambane province, Mozambique*

12.45 - 14.00: Lunch

14.00 - 15.30: On the nature of connections

- P. Colombar (CNRS): *Towards refining the identification and origin of trade beads*
- C. Bourdier (Univ. of Toulouse): *Connecting images, connecting what and who? Epistemologic concerns on the socio-cultural interpretations of the techno-stylistic analysis of rock art*
- G. Chouin (College William and Mary): *Pandemics as connections: Africa and the plague before 1899*

15.30 - 15.45: Break

15.45 - 17.15: Prospection and ways forward: Adrien Delmas (IFAS) & Peter Delius (Wits)